



**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT  
HEALTH HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DIVISION  
UNIFIED PROGRAM AGENCY**



**CLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR GENERATORS  
GUIDANCE DOCUMENT**

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**BACKGROUND**

Businesses that generate hazardous waste are obligated to comply with specific regulatory requirements upon closure of their facilities. If an individual owner or a company moves, goes out (of) business, or sells their facility, they must comply with the following generator closure requirement:

- Generators are required to close their facilities in a manner that minimizes further maintenance and is protective of public health and the environment.
- Generators are required to decontaminate and/or remove all contaminated equipment, structures, and soil. All hazardous wastes generated during closure must be properly disposed of and the associated manifests made available for inspection.

In addition to the above regulatory closure requirements, businesses should:

- Notify this Department about facility closure and associated activities. Call (323) 890-4045 about your closure activities or write to: Los Angeles County Fire Department, Health Hazardous Materials Division Attention: Inspection Section Manager, 5825 Rickenbacker Road, Commerce, CA 90040-3027.
- Contact our Financial Management Division (FMD) at (323) 838-2345, to initiate the CUPA permit inactivation process and pay any outstanding permit fees. Businesses that close without paying their permit fees will be subject to potential penalties or enforcement action.

**SITE CLEAN-UP**

The Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) has corrective action oversight for any release of hazardous waste or hazardous waste constituents into the environment including releases by generators and tiered permitted facilities. DTSC has the authority to issue corrective action orders. Contact the DTSC at (800) 728-6942 for further information.

Be advised that voluntary site assessment and remedial action oversight is available from this Division's Site Mitigation Unit (SMU). Review the Fact Sheet, "Site Remediation Oversight Program" or call SMU at (323) 890-4106 for further details.

**DISCLAIMER**

This guidance document does not replace or supersede relevant statutes and regulations. It is intended for informational purposes only and may not encompass all of the statutes and regulations to this topic. More details may be found at Cal EPA Department of Toxic Substances and Control (DTSC) [www.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov). If further information is needed, call the County of Los Angeles CUPA at (323) 890-4045.